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DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

Ministerial Department.

Paid Micajah Morgan, Baptist Society,	\$51.40
Asa Randlett, Christian Society,	15.70
Stephen Davis, Universalist Society,	12.30
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	\$79.40

School Department.

Paid District No. 1, Simeon S. Morgan,	\$74.32
“ “ 2, Nathaniel Messer,	85.14
“ “ 3, Ausborne French,	208.21
“ “ 4, William T. Bean,	107.49
“ “ 5, Calvin D. Jewett,	103.98
“ “ 6, Asa B. Pillsbury,	62.21
“ “ 7, Samuel Messer,	53.89
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	\$695.24

Town Debts and Expenses.

Paid Auditors' bill for 1860,	\$2.00
Henry R. Gates, for school-house, District No. 5,	34.15
Luther McCutchins, “ “ “ “ 3,	300.00
McFarland & Jenks' bill for printing reports, '59,	10.00
G. Parker Lyon, for stationery,	4.16
Lucien Hayden's bill, as Sup't Committee, 1860,	13.00
Samuel M. Carr, “ “ “	17.00
David Smith, services on town farm, 1860,	175.00
McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports, 1860,	15.00
Samuel Glitten, amount of note,	468.66
Samuel Glitten, indorsed on note,	100.00
Samuel Shepard, over-paid tax,	2.92
Charles Morgan, collecting taxes, 1860,	9.77

Paid Hiram Baker, tax abated,	.75
Amos B. Currier, indorsed on note,	24.00
Charles Morgan, damage to horse,	5.00
William Clark, " "	20.00
William Morgan, over-paid tax,	3.00
Amos Page, indorsed on note,	400.00
Andrew J. Sargeant, muster-roll,	62.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, for digging grave,	1.00
Amos Page, for hay,	3.35
Nathaniel Messer, for guide-post,	.25
Claud Goings, volunteer's family,	12.00
Austin Goings, " "	8.00
Belden Morgan, work on Bog road,	9.00
E. G. Hastings, " " "	9.00
Stephen Messer, " " "	6.00
L. McCutchins, cash paid on " "	12.01
George Ellis, work on " "	2.25
L. McCutchins, " " "	3.75
Greenwood & Burpee, lamps for Town Hall,	4.00
Eliphalet Gay, for watering-place,	6.00
Ephraim G. Hastings,	2.25
Alvin Hastings, guide-post,	.50
Austin & Claud Goings, volunteers' families,	20.00
" " " " "	20.00
Enoch Messer, guide-post,	.25
Horace Morgan, for digging graves,	20.25
Phineas Messer, for damage to sleigh,	4.00
" " school-money Springfield,	.75
Charles S. Sargent, services Town Clerk,	10.00
Daniel E. Colby, services Selectman,	12.00
County tax,	618.69
State tax,	223.30
John Brown, bill of costs and expense,	210.32
Micajah Morgan's bill as Selectman,	37.27
Due on bond for 1861,	475.82
George Ellis,	1.25
E. G. Hastings,	1.50
William A. Mills, services on town farm,	82.68
Luther McCutchins, cash paid P. Smith for Z. Messer,	16.00
Town farm taxes,	21.69
A. J. Sargent, volunteer's bounty,	35.32
Joseph M. Clough, " "	21.00

Paid Geo. McFarland, volunteer bounty,	35.00
Luther McCutchins, services as Selectman,	63.25
“ “ for District No. 3,	45.00
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	\$3,721.11

Breaking Roads for 1860-61.

Paid Daniel Bickford, for breaking roads,	\$2.25
Amos Page, “ “	3.00
Amos Page, “ “	12.50
Arthur E. Burpee, “ “	4.00
Albert S. Worthen, “ “	18.10
Asa B. Pillsbury, “ “	34.58
John Williams, “ “	9.68
Asa Gay, “ “	15.80
Benjamin C. Davis, “ “	21.70
Edmund Davis, Jr., “ “	9.97
William Dowling, “ “	19.03
Arthur E. Burpee, “ “	25.00
Jona. G. Everett, “ “	27.00
Charles Whitney, “ “	6.32
William Morgan, “ “	11.00
Amos G. Woodward, “ “	16.50
Thomas S. Chase, “ “	1.50
Joseph H. Messer, “ “	1.00
G. Frank Battles, repairing roads,	4.70
E. G. Hastings, “ “	.75
Albert S. Worthen, “ “	1.50
Curtis Messer, “ “	1.25
Timothy Quimby, for plank,	2.50
Ausborne French, for breaking roads,	16.44
Charles Jewett, “ “	5.68
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	\$271.75

Pauper Bills.

Paid John M. Dow, for rent of S. Fales,	\$9.00
J. T. Sanborn, for pauper bill,	20.00
George Ellis, for services and pasturing cow for S. Fales,	10.00
J. T. Sanborn, for pauper bill,	18.00
Daniel Bickford, for services for S. Fales,	40.50
Mary Fisher, for services for S. Fales,	10.00

Paid G. G. Small, for coffin for S. Fales,	6.00
Daniel Bickford, for two syringes for S. Fales,	1.00
Curtis Messer, for services for S. Fales,	8.75
William Clark, for services for S. Fales,	1.00
J. T. Sanborn, for pauper bill,	20.00
Daniel Bickford, for services for S. Fales,	14.09
Charles S. Sargent, for bill of goods for S. Fales,	6.41
Mary Fisher, for services for S. Fales,	6.25
Russell & Co., for bill of goods for S. Fales,	18.86
George S. Messer, for services for S. Fales,	22.50
——— Ferrin, for coffin for Mrs. S. Fales,	5.50
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	\$217.86

Town Farm Bills.

Paid L. H. Carroll, for brass kettle,	\$3.20
Belden Morgan, for work building fence,	6.00
Walter Chase, for work on town farm,	36.50
Giles Goings, for work on town farm,	2.25
N. E. Chamberlain, for work on town farm,	10.00
James Brooks, for work on town farm,	5.00
L. H. Carroll, for pump and chain,	3.69
Samuel Chadwick, for wheat,	3.50
Charles A. Bailey, for threshing grain,	2.32
Simeon Morgan, for services,	1.67
Samuel Bagley, for blacksmithing,	5.59
Greenwood & Burpee, for J. Everett,	10.75
Henry S. Seamans, for S. Fales,	1.00
Charles S. Sargent, for Glines,	1.07
Levi Pierce, for medicine for Glines,	5.00
Greenwood & Burpee, for bill of goods for Glines,	13.32
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	\$110.86

Abatement of taxes for 1860.

Calvin Jewett, over-taxed,	\$4.52
James Greenwood, over-taxed,	18.57
Daniel Morgan,	1.62
Olive Hayes,	1.46
Willard Folsom,	1.75
Rufus J. Clement,	3.37
Samuel Fales,	2.02

George Messer,	1.75
John K. Pike,	1.75
Gilman Smith,	1.75
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	\$38.56

Abatement of Taxes for 1861.

Joseph Battles,	\$1.80
Enos Craft,	1.92
Edwin P. Frost,	1.92
Willard C. Folsom,	1.92
Samuel Fales,	1.76
Edwin Glines,	1.92
George C. Howard,	1.92
William C. Haynes, over-taxed,	.95
William Lorden,	3.21
John Manahan,	1.80
George Messer,	1.92
Daniel Powell,	1.92
Richard Rowell,	1.92
George Perry,	1.92
William Strickland,	1.92
Barney Sanders,	2.13
Charles Sayward,	1.92
Moses White,	1.92
Nonresident tax paid in work,	.63
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	\$34.32

Abatement of taxes of those refusing to pay Volunteers, as assessed by a vote of the town.

Samuel Bagley,	\$0.30
Hiram Baker,	1.04
Daniel Bickford,	.75
Arthur E. Burpee,	1.42
Richard G. Cross,	.91
Jonathan G. Carr,	1.62
Thomas S. Chase,	.16
Evans Dow,	.91
John M. Dow,	.45
Benjamin C. Davis,	.90
Stephen Davis,	.85

Jonathan G. Everett,	.58
George S. Ellis,	.57
Robert Fulton,	.93
Adna S. Fowler,	.92
Benjamin Fisk,	.51
Lewis Fisher,	.55
Sanford Fisher,	.32
Eliphalet Gay,	2.60
Christopher C. Gardner,	.62
Alvin Hastings,	.95
Amos Hastings,	.21
Ephraim G. Hastings,	1.17
Warren W. Hill,	.96
Widow Olive Hayes,	.26
Miss Olive Hayes,	.18
James M. Jewett,	1.81
Charles Jewett,	1.03
Nathaniel Knowlton,	1.52
Jonathan Loverin,	.14
Frank P. Messer,	.12
Simeon Morgan,	1.12
William Morgan,	.57
John Manahan,	.54
Curtis Messer,	1.89
Enoch Messer,	.71
Stephen Messer,	1.03
Albert Morse,	.85
James M. Nelson,	.73
Marcus Nelson,	1.97
James M. Pike,	1.13
Samuel Shepard,	1.41
Henry W. Seamans,	.25
Daniel S. Seamans,	1.22
Ira Smith,	1.60
Daniel Smith,	.68
Widow Stevens,	.40
William Todd,	.85
James Todd,	.97
Nathaniel Todd,	.97
Eli Todd,	.67
A. Nelson Todd,	.15
David Towle,	.98
John W. Taylor,	.71
Jerome B. Worthen,	.12

Charles Whitney,	.12
Alexander Whitney,	.79
William Whittier,	1.03
Solomon M. Whipple,	.97
Albert S. Worthen,	1.03
Thomas S. Worthen,	.46
T. S. Worthen & Co.,	.38
Dustin Wilkins,	1.11
Charles Whitney, for Haskins,	.10
Nelson & Todd,	.40
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	\$53.16

The Selectmen credit the town of New-London for the year 1861, as follows :

Received by cash in hands of selectmen of 1860,	\$205.82
Charles Morgan's bond for 1860,	402.22
Israel Hunting, interest on note,	1.80
Asa Pingree, interest on note, 1860,	17.59
assessment of taxes for 1861,	3,018.09
assessment for volunteers,	201.86
town of Plainfield, for pauper,	3.00
widow Stevens, borrowed money,	500.00
Anthony Colby, interest on note, 1860,	30.00
Charles D. Glitten, money borrowed,	500.00
Sarah Glitten, " " "	350.00
Town Hall, " "	6.00
Literary Fund,	73.50
Stephen Sargent, interest on note, 1861,	10.50
John J. Sargent, " " "	4.38
Town Hall,	1.25
George W. Sargent, interest on note, 1861,	5.00
Mrs. S. Fales, for cow,	18.00
Horace Morgan, for grass,	6.75
balance from town farm,	7.13
balance on H. B. Clough's bond,	7.36
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Amount credited,	\$5,370.25
Amount charged,	5,222.26
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Balance in hands of Selectmen,	\$147.99

Estimated as indebtedness of the town,	3,500.00
Means of paying same,	723.00
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Indebtedness above the means of paying,	\$2,777.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen of New-London.</i>
MICAJAH MORGAN,	
DANIEL E. COLBY,	

This may certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen as kept by Luther McCutchins for the year 1861, and find them properly vouched, correctly cast, and the books well kept.

JOHN TRUSSELL,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
CHARLES JEWETT,	

NEW-LONDON, March 6, 1862.

Schedule of Property at Town Farm February 26, 1862.

12 tons English hay, \$9 per ton,	\$108.00
24 tons stock hay, \$7 per ton,	168.00
Lot of straw, \	6.00
2 oxen,	95.00
5 cows,	105.00
3 heifers, (2 years old)	40.00
2 calves,	10.00
2 shoters,	24.00
10 hens,	2.50
25 bush. wheat,	31.00
8 bush. corn,	6.40
5 bush. beans,	7.50
2½ bush. barley,	1.87
85 bush. potatoes,	22.00
1½ bbl. pork,	30.00
½ bbl. beef,	5.00
½ bbl. cider and barrel,	2.00
16 lbs. tallow and candles,	1.60

12 lbs. butter,	2.00
36 lbs. lard,	3.60
1 gal. boiled cider,	.50
20 lbs. flour,	.60
2 gals. molasses,	.60
90 lbs. cheese,	5.40
1½ lb. black tea,	1.00
14 lbs. maple sugar,	1.40
6 lbs. sugar,	.60
2 lbs. coffee,	.30
2 lbs. saleratus,	.14
20 gals. soap,	2.50
1 iron sap-pan,	4.50
2 grindstones,	1.50
1 cooking-stove,	20.00
1 ox-sled,	4.00
1 cart and fixings,	30.00
2 plows,	12.00
1 harrow,	2.00
1 drag,	1.25
1 beetle and wedge,	.75
4 chains,	3.25
2 yokes,	2.50
3 axes,	1.00
85 sap-buckets,	5.00
Lot joiner's tools,	2.50
1 auger,	.40
1 wheelbarrow,	2.00
Haying tools,	4.00
1 cheese-press,	1.00
1 wood saw,	.50
Household furniture,	60.00
Wearing apparel,	8.00
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	\$850.36

The town is credited for the year 1861 as follows :

Russell & Co., by 18½ lbs. butter,	\$2.62
28 lbs. butter,	3.50
206 lbs. butter,	28.84
37 lbs. chickens,	2.95
67 lbs. hide,	3.68

Nathaniel C. Knowlton, by 1 steer,	\$17.62
Mr. Brown, by pasturing,	25.00
Reuben Call, by pasturing,	6.50
Horace Clark, by pasturing,	4.00
William Clark, by pasturing,	3.25
Charles Jewett, by 1 steer,	20.00
Charles Jewett, by chickens and cash,	.93
Ebenezer H. Adams, by 2 calves,	11.00
Albert Morse, by lot of straw,	4.50
Christopher Gardiner, by grass,	2.00
Alvin Hastings, by 1 steer,	12.00
Isaac R. Chase, by 4 bush. oats,	1.60
Isaac R. Chase, by 1 stove,	2.62
Isaac R. Chase, by 1 calfskin,	1.12
George B. Gow, by 225 lbs. beef,	10.50
Warren W. Hill, by 10 bush. potatoes,	.60
Gilman Smith, by cash,	.59
Reo Farewell, by balance on steer,	1.50
H. H. Davis & Co., by timber and hay,	20.37
William A. Mills, by bill goods charged,	12.10
Michael Lorden, by pasturing, 1860,	.80
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	\$200.49

The town is charged for the year 1861 as follows :

Charles Jewett, to services and pork,	14.80
Charles Jewett, to 2 days plowing,	2.00
Russell & Co., to bill of goods,	45.90
Greenwood & Burpee, to bill of goods,	40.51
Charles S. Sargent, to bill of goods,	18.64
Stephen Messer, to cradling grain,	1.25
Amos Hastings, to shoemaking,	2.20
Warren W. Hill, to bill for services, &c.,	9.58
Isaac R. Chase, to tin ware,	4.22
James M. Pike, to tin ware,	.80
Nathaniel Knowlton, to cash paid Lois Gile,	1.00
John Witherspoon, to sowing wheat,	.50
Giles Goings, to 1 day's work,	1.00
L. McCutchins, to 2 pigs,	4.00
Joshua D. Hemphill, to account,	5.72
James Morgan, to meat,	3.75
James Morgan, to meat,	3.05

John M. Dow, to blacksmithing,	8.65
H. H. Davis & Co., to bill of goods,	25.79

Amount charged,	\$193.36
Amount credited,	200.49

Balance in favor of farm,	\$7.13
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LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
MICAJAH MORGAN,	
DANIEL E. COLBY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>New-London.</i>

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
THE TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1862.

The Summer school in District No. 1 was taught ten weeks by Miss Mary Knowlton. The school appeared well, both at the commencement and close. The whole number of scholars attending was 21; average attendance, 16; loss by non-attendance, one fourth.

The Winter term, of eight weeks, was successfully taught by Mr. George W. Dowlin. Number of scholars attending, 22; average, 16; loss by absence, about one fourth.

In District No. 2 the Summer term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Todd eleven weeks. At the commencement of the school there was a deficiency in order, but we were glad to notice that the discipline was good at the close of the school. Number of scholars, 23; average, 17; loss about one fourth.

The Winter term in this district was very faithfully and successfully taught by Mr. N. C. Todd. Whole number of scholars, 31; average, 27; loss by non-attendance, about one ninth.

The Summer school in District No. 3 was taught sixteen weeks by Miss Betsey J. Pressey. The discipline was excellent. Whole number, 39; average, 34; loss, one eighth.

The Winter term was taught fifteen weeks by Mr. Frank Cressey, with good success. Whole number of scholars, 65; average attendance, 49; loss by absence, one fourth.

In District No. 4 Miss Lizzie S. Towle taught ten weeks with good success. Whole number of scholars, 20; average, 13; loss, one third.

The Winter term, of eleven weeks, was taught by Mr. Charles A.

Fowler with his well known success. Whole number of scholars, 24; average, 17; loss, one third of the school.

In District No. 5, both Summer and Winter schools were taught twenty-six weeks by Miss Susan E. Craft, with good success. Number of scholars in Summer, 36; loss by absence, one sixth. Whole number in Winter, 37; loss, one fifth.

In District No. 6 the Summer school was taught twelve weeks by Miss Diantha Abbott. It was a profitable school. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 14; loss, one sixth.

The Winter term, of twelve and a half weeks, was taught by Mrs. C. Augusta McFarland. This school appeared well at the commencement, and we do not think there was so much fault with the teacher as there was with the *district*, why it was not profitable to its close. Whole number of scholars, 19; average, 14; loss, one fourth.

In District No. 7 the Summer term, of seven weeks, was taught very successfully by Miss Adelaide E. Burpee. Number of scholars, 13; average, 10; loss by absence, one fourth.

The Winter term, of nine weeks, was taught by Mr. James M. Davis. This school was under excellent discipline at the commencement. We were not in at the close, therefore can not tell the progress made. Number of scholars, 16; average, 14; loss, one eighth.

Good discipline in a school is just as necessary as it is in an army, that it may move along quietly and profitably to all interested; and we are glad that we are able to say that the discipline in the several schools has, as a general thing, been good, and that some of the greatest evils which we have to contend with in our common schools have been done away with in a good degree in this town the past year. We have been assisted very much in our efforts to remove whispering from the several schools, by the scholars cheerfully and almost universally assisting in this—in some schools not more than one fifth whispering during the entire term.

One great fault in some of our schools, not only on the part of scholars, but even teachers, is the desire to advance too fast. No scholar should be allowed to advance any faster than he can understand what he goes over perfectly, and, unless he does this, the ground gone over is no indication of progress.

In closing our report we would say that the mere paying money for the support of schools can never secure to our children a high intellectual and moral culture. As well might the farmer, by merely scattering his seed upon the untilled earth, expect an abundant harvest. Such appropriation of money only creates a further obligation to see that our children do actually realize the full benefits of our common schools. Unless parents coöperate with the teacher in the discipline and instruction of their

children, by sending them *regularly* and *punctually* to school, and manifesting *at home* their interest in the school, and in its improvement of their children, in such way as to show, unmistakably, a high estimation of the privileges of our common schools, they can not hope to receive a large amount of its benefits. By the few, comparatively, who ever visit our school-rooms, we are led to believe that there are but few who are fully alive to their responsibilities in respect to the education of their children, and who discharge them so as to secure to themselves and their children *all* the advantages which our system of common schools is calculated to produce.

SAMUEL M. CARR, *Superintending Committee.*

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